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1 3 AN ACT
1 4 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS.
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1 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 8 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 16.100A COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS.
1 9 1. A council on homelessness is established consisting of
1 10 thirty-eight voting members. At least one voting member at
1 11 all times shall be a member of a minority group.
1 12 2. Members of the council shall consist of all of the
1 13 following:
1 14 a. Twenty-six members of the general public appointed to
1 15 two-year staggered terms by the governor in consultation with
1 16 the nominating committee under subsection 4, paragraph "a".
1 17 (1) Voting members from the general public may include,
1 18 but are not limited to the following types of individuals and
1 19 representatives of the following programs: homeless or
1 20 formerly homeless individuals and their family members, youth
1 21 shelters, faith-based organizations, local homeless service
1 22 providers, emergency shelters, transitional housing providers,
1 23 family and domestic violence shelters, private business, local
1 24 government, and community-based organizations.
1 25 (2) Five of the twenty-six voting members selected from
1 26 the general public shall be individuals who are homeless,
1 27 formerly homeless, or family members of homeless or formerly
1 28 homeless individuals.
1 29 (3) One of the twenty-six members selected from the
1 30 general public shall be a representative of the Iowa state
1 31 association of counties.
1 32 (4) One of the twenty-six members selected from the
1 33 general public shall be a representative of the Iowa league of
1 34 cities.
1 35 b. Twelve agency director members consisting of all of the
2 1 following:
2 2 (1) The director of the department of education or the
2 3 director's designee.
2 4 (2) The director of the department of economic development
2 5 or the director's designee.
2 6 (3) The director of human services or the director's
2 7 designee.
2 8 (4) The attorney general or the attorney general's
2 9 designee.
2 10 (5) The director of the department of human rights or the
2 11 director's designee.
2 12 (6) The director of public health or the director's
2 13 designee.
2 14 (7) The director of the department of elder affairs or the
2 15 director's designee.
2 16 (8) The director of the department of corrections or the
2 17 director's designee.
2 18 (9) The director of the department of workforce
2 19 development or the director's designee.
2 20 (10) The director of the department of public safety or
2 21 the director's designee.
2 22 (11) The director of the department of veterans affairs or
2 23 the director's designee.
2 24 (12) The executive director of the Iowa finance authority
2 25 or the executive director's designee.
2 26 3. An agency director's designee may vote on council
2 27 matters in the absence of the director.
2 28 4. a. A nominating committee initially comprised of all
2 29 twelve agency director members shall nominate persons to the
2 30 governor to fill the general public member positions.
2 31 Following appointment of all twenty-six general public
2 32 members, the composition of the nominating committee may be
2 33 modified by rule.
2 34 b. The council may establish other committees and
2 35 subcommittees comprised of members of the council.
3 1 5. A vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same
3 2 manner as the original appointment. A member appointed to
3 3 fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of a term

3 4 shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term.
3 5 6. a. A majority of the members of the council
3 6 constitutes a quorum. Any action taken by the council must be
3 7 adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of its
3 8 membership.
3 9 b. The council shall elect a chairperson and vice
3 10 chairperson from the membership of the council. The
3 11 chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve two-year terms.
3 12 The chairperson and vice chairperson shall not both be either
3 13 general public members or agency directors. The chairperson
3 14 shall rotate between agency director members and general
3 15 public members.
3 16 c. The council shall meet at least six times per year.
3 17 Meetings of the council may be called by the chairperson or by
3 18 a majority of the members.
3 19 d. General public members shall be reimbursed for actual
3 20 and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in their
3 21 official duties. Expense payments shall be made from
3 22 appropriations made for purposes of this section.
3 23 7. The Iowa finance authority shall provide staff
3 24 assistance and administrative support to the council.
3 25 8. The duties of the council shall include but are not
3 26 limited to the following:
3 27 a. Develop a process for evaluating state policies,
3 28 programs, statutes, and rules to determine whether any state
3 29 policies, programs, statutes, or rules should be revised to
3 30 help prevent and alleviate homelessness.
3 31 b. Evaluate whether state agency resources could be more
3 32 efficiently coordinated with other state agencies to prevent
3 33 and alleviate homelessness.
3 34 c. Work to develop a coordinated and seamless service
3 35 delivery system to prevent and alleviate homelessness.
4 1 d. Use existing resources to identify and prioritize
4 2 efforts to prevent persons from becoming homeless and to
4 3 eliminate factors that keep people homeless.
4 4 e. Identify and use federal and other funding
4 5 opportunities to address and reduce homelessness within the
4 6 state.
4 7 f. Work to identify causes and effects of homelessness and
4 8 increase awareness among policymakers and the general public.
4 9 g. Advise the governor's office, the Iowa finance
4 10 authority, state agencies, and private organizations on
4 11 strategies to prevent and eliminate homelessness.
4 12 9. The council shall conduct a study of issues relating to
4 13 the following:
4 14 a. Low-income seniors and low-income persons with any form
4 15 of disability, including but not limited to physical
4 16 disability, developmental disability, mental illness,
4 17 co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders, or
4 18 AIDS and AIDS-related conditions. For purposes of this
4 19 section, "AIDS" and "AIDS-related conditions" mean the same as
4 20 defined in section 141A.1.
4 21 b. Low-income and moderate-income persons unable to afford
4 22 transportation or housing near work, and adequate affordable
4 23 housing able to support economic growth and development of a
4 24 community, including new construction, community
4 25 redevelopment, and urban renewal.
4 26 c. Low-income persons residing in existing affordable
4 27 housing that is in danger of becoming unaffordable or lost,
4 28 and persons determined to be or at risk of becoming homeless.
4 29 d. Affordable rental housing, access to available
4 30 financing for housing, first-time home buyers, and
4 31 relationships between landlords and tenants.
4 32 10. a. The council shall make annual recommendations to
4 33 the governor regarding matters which impact homelessness on or
4 34 before September 15.
4 35 b. The council shall prepare and file with the governor
5 1 and the general assembly on or before the first day of
5 2 December in each odd-numbered year, a report on homelessness
5 3 in Iowa.
5 4 c. The council shall assist in the completion of the
5 5 state's continuum of care application to the United States
5 6 department of housing and urban development.
5 7 11. a. The Iowa finance authority, in consultation with
5 8 the council, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for
5 9 carrying out the duties of the council pursuant to this
5 10 section.
5 11 b. The council shall establish internal rules of procedure
5 12 consistent with the provisions of this section.
5 13 c. Rules adopted or internal rules of procedure
5 14 established pursuant to paragraph "a" or "b" shall be

5 15 consistent with the requirements of the federal McKinney-Vento
5 16 Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. } 11301, et seq.
5 17 12. The council shall comply with the requirements of
5 18 chapters 21 and 22. The Iowa finance authority shall be the
5 19 official repository of council records.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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5 31 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
5 32 is known as Senate File 2161, Eighty-second General Assembly.

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